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Prince Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz
c/o The American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Your Highness:

This is to thank you for your note of appreciation regarding my support for the sale of AWACS and related equipment to Saudi Arabia.

Like you, I view the arms package as a vital component in safeguarding the security of your nation and, by extension, the security of the United States as well. For this reason, I believe the sale merited support and share your satisfaction with the outcome of the Senate vote.

I am also hopeful that this will be a significant step toward renewed U.S.-Saudi cooperation in the Middle East peace process. Clearly, continued progress in this area will ultimately serve to insure stability in a more important and lasting way than the transfer of arms. Your government's recent eight point statement of principles makes an important initial contribution to that goal as a foundation on which to build more specific and concrete steps. To the extent that the peace negotiations are able to draw upon your country's support, the likelihood of future success is improved. To that end, I look forward to your continuing good will and pledge my total cooperation in moving toward this goal.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clement J. Zablocki

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